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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendments begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.